



Vinci Park Elementary School celebrates Tree City USA sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation.



Sierramont Middle School Advanced Orchestra students lead Invocation at a recent City Council meeting.



Captain Alcantar speaks at a recent District 4 Neighborhood Safety Meeting.

Door-to-Door in District 4 Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu
A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

As the school year has come to an end, I would like to congratulate all the 2010 graduates! This is a significant accomplishment and should be a time filled with excitement. I congratulate all the parents, teachers, administration, & staff that have worked with our graduates for their commitment and dedication in securing a quality education for the students and equipping them with the tools to pursue their dreams. Congratulations to each and every one of our graduates for all of their accomplishments.

As school ends, the push for summer reading begins. I encourage all of you to participate in the Summer Reading Celebration sponsored by San José Branch Libraries and to continue reading over the summer. This eight-week long program encourages recreational reading as a family activity, offering fun prizes and rewards for reaching each reading milestone. Programs are available for kids, teens, and adults. Please stop by your local library beginning June 12, 2010 to register.

I encourage District 4 residents to visit some of the following stay-cation outdoor ideas to explore in District 4 this summer: the Alviso Marina County Park, Penitencia Creek Trail, Coyote Creek Trail, or Alum Rock Park. I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

Best Regards,



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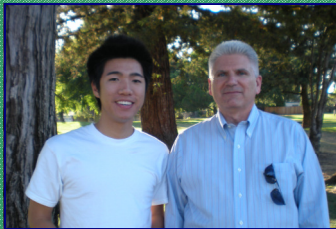
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2010

On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, neighborhoods throughout San José are invited to participate with other communities nationwide for the 27th Annual National Night Out. National Night Out will involve over 100,000 communities and over 34 million Americans are expected to participate this year.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, generate support for and participation in anticrime efforts, and strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. In addition, this night sends the message that neighbors are working together to keep their neighborhoods safe. From 6:00PM-10:00PM on August 3rd, many neighborhoods throughout San José will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties,

National Night Out has been a successful partnership between the community, the Police Department, and the City of San José. To register your neighborhood for year's event, please contact the SJ Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133 or visit www.sjpd.org by Friday, July 3, 2010.

PHOTOS FROM PREVIOUS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENTS



SAN JOSE AIRPORT EXPANSION UPDATE

SJC's comprehensive \$1.3 billion improvement program involves the modernization and replacement of the airport's terminal facilities, including the construction of new Terminal B and Terminal B Concourse that will replace of Terminal C. The program also includes complete transformation of the interior of Terminal A to provide more spacious and comfortable waiting areas, new ticketing areas, and faster security check-in systems.

The overall modernization program is now ahead of schedule and under budget, and Terminal B is scheduled to open for full service on Wednesday morning, June 30. The balance of the program, including new parking areas, is scheduled for completion by summer 2011.

Through special arrangements with TSA, Mineta San Jose International Airport is offering local residents the unique opportunity to go through the security checkpoint at new Terminal B during the weekend of Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, to see the transformation of Silicon Valley's airport – without buying a plane ticket. Once through security and inside the terminal, visitors will be able to walk the length of the new Terminal B and the completely remodeled Terminal A, have a meal or a snack at one the many new restaurants, buy a souvenir, and experience new public art inside the airport. There will also be drawings for prizes, including airline tickets and travel packages. For more information, please visit www.sjc.org





Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Neighborhood Group

Meets every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 6PM at Alviso Library
Contact: Betty Brown
betty@maileater.net

Alviso Water Taskforce

Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6PM at the Alviso Community Center
www.alvisowater.org
Contact: alvisowater@gmail.com

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council

Meets every 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM at the Berryessa Community Center
Contact: Mike Flaughter
mikeflaughter@yahoo.com

North Valley

Community Association

Meets every 3rd Monday of every other month at 7PM Location TBA
Contact: Chris Zhou
czhou911@yahoo.com
To Subscribe to the Listserve, Please send an email to: NorthValleyCA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Piedmont Hostetter Neighborhood Association

Meets quarterly at 6:30PM at the Berryessa Union School District Board Room
Contact: Cheryl VanZuylen
Cheryl_vanzuylen@yahoo.com

River Oaks

Neighborhood Association

Meets every odd month
Location TBA
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

Townsend Park Neighborhood Association

Meets twice yearly
Location TBA
Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com

BERRYESSA ART & WINE FESTIVAL



The 35th Annual Berryessa Art & Wine Festival returned to Penitencia Creek Park on May 8, 2010. The city's oldest neighborhood festival is always held on Mother's Day weekend and attracts as many as 10,000 visitors each year. The one-day event raises funds to keep music education available to students in the Berryessa Union School District. This year, the festival raised about \$20,000!

Recognized and endorsed by the City of San Jose as the city's original, largest and oldest community festival, this year's festival featured 100 booths featuring a variety of arts and crafts, local and boutique wines, micro-brewed beers and food prepared by several local community groups.

Everyone also enjoyed live music that was showcased throughout the day, which featured Berryessa school bands, the Piedmont Hills Jazz Band, mariachi bands and local youth bands in our community.



There was also a business row and a community row that featured over 20 local companies and over 40 community groups who provide direct services to our community. It is such a great accomplishment to not only have the distinction of San José's oldest and largest festival, but also to know that this is completely organized by volunteers. If you are interested in participating in next year's Berryessa Art and Wine Festival, please contact me so that we can include you in the planning process!





A WORD FROM OUR YOUTH COMMISSIONER

The District 4 Youth Advisory Council held a Peer-to-Peer luncheon on Saturday, May 22. We invited students from Piedmont, Sierramont, Morrill and Orchard Middle schools to come and experience a more in-depth bond with peers from their future high school. High School students served as mentors to these middle school students and provided information on academic requirements as well as activities and extra curricular activities offered at their school.

Unfortunately, many of the students scheduled to attend this event were not able to attend. This did not stop our YAC from providing the students who attended an opportunity to answer all of their questions. Councilmember Chu was a great asset to the luncheon along with his wife, Daisy Chu, who positively encouraged the students to enjoy their high school years. The event turned out to be a success for the YAC and Councilmember as it gave us all an opportunity to bond and get to know each other.

As your District 4 Youth Commissioner, I am honored to serve and represent the youth and young adults. I hope to continue to represent students in this district and if there are any activities or ideas that you would like to introduce, I would enjoy hearing from you!

Also, I lead a group of inspiring peers in our District's Youth Advisory Council that serve year-round and are between the ages of 14 and 18 who involved and connect the youth of San Jose in order to give them a more active voice in their community and to represent and create an empowered voice for the youth. If you attend Piedmont Hills High School or Independence High School, you are eligible to become a member! Please inquire with the District office at district4@sanjoseca.gov if you are interested. Have a great summer and see you in the Fall!

- Kasey Ong, District 4 Youth Commissioner



District 4's Youth Commissioner Kasey Ong with her family during her swearing-in ceremony during a City Council meeting in August 2009.



Last Year's District 4 Youth Advisory Council with District 4 staff at the 2009 Family Resource Fair



Kasey Ong serves as 2nd Vice Chair on San Jose's Youth Commission.

**DO YOU RECEIVE
WEEKLY EMAILS FROM
COUNCILMEMBER CHU?**

Sign-up at
www.sanjoseca.gov/district4



Commissioner Ong's Swearing-In Ceremony during last year's City Council Meeting



THE BUDGET AND DISTRICT 4

NORTH SAN JOSE UPDATE

Adopted in 2005, the North San José Area Development Policy created the opportunity for an additional 26.7 million square feet of new office/industrial development, 32,000 residential units, and 1.7 million square feet of new commercial development in the City's primary employment center. The policy was designed to establish a framework for economic sustainability and 'smart growth' throughout the area. This is achieved by promoting economic activity through the creation of up to 80,000 new jobs, and the addition of new housing and retail development in close proximity to new jobs, amenities and transit infrastructure.

In June, North San José plan will move on to another milestone, the approval of amendments to the North San José Area Development Policy that will address regional retail and prime locations so that it is distributed throughout the Policy area, accept the North San José Urban Design Guidelines and accept the North San José Neighborhoods Plan.

I would like to particularly note the North San José Neighborhoods Plan was contributed largely by the North San José Task Force that I had initiated in 2007. What had started as a short term task force has turned into a multiple years commitment by our very own District 4 residents. Due to their vested interest, I plan on convening the North San José Task Force to meet annually to be informed of updates and changes and also solicit feedback.

OLD BERRYESSA LIBRARY UPDATE

First and foremost, I would like to thank you all for your patience regarding the re-use of the old Berryessa Library. Unfortunately, given the monetary investment needed to renovate the current building, it proved to be difficult for the City to find a tenant to take over the building. I have met with City staff regarding next steps and agreed that it was in the best interest to demolish the old Berryessa Library to expand the library's current parking lot. I have heard it loud and clear from the community that this vacant building has been an ongoing eyesore in our community for the past few years and I believe that the expansion of the parking lot will better serve the increasing needs of the visitors at the Berryessa Branch Library.

The demolition of the old Berryessa Library will take place over the summer and the expanded parking lot is expected to be completed this fall.



FIRESTATION #19 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Many of you have contacted my office regarding the status of Fire Station 19, located at the southwest corner of Piedmont Road and Sierra Road. In March 2002, the City of San José voters passed the Neighborhood Security Bond Act that approved the issuance of the \$159M in General Obligation bonds to fund the construction of public safety facilities. Fire Station 19 is one of the stations being relocated as part of the public safety bond program to improve service delivery.

Fire Station 19 will be a two-story, 6,049 square feet, singly company fire station with two apparatus bays. Construction started in September 2008 and is expected to be completed this summer, followed by a highly anticipated grand opening scheduled to take place early Fall 2010.



City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 586-7624

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(408) 277-2758

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 262-1014

Code Enforcement

(408) 277-4528

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3515

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 277-5517

Street Sweeping

(408) 277-2571

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2756

Meet Your District 4 Team

Stephanie Fong, District Director

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FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Redevelopment, Parks & Recreation, Budget, Personnel, Youth, Internship Coordination, Web Content, & Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

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FOCUS AREAS

North Valley Neighborhood, North San José Neighborhood, Land Use, Environment, Public Safety, Housing, Economic Development, Web Content, Vietnamese Media Relations and Constituent Services.

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FOCUS AREAS

Alviso Neighborhood, Habitat Plan, Water Pollution Control Plant, Constituent Services, and Event Planning.



Veterans attend an event in honor of Memorial Day at the Veterans Center in San José.



DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

For up-to-date event information, visit
sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email
district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

JUNE

5 ALVISO MARINA RE-OPENING
Celebrating the re-opening of South
Bay's Marina
11:00AM-2:00PM
Alviso Marina

4 SJ SUBZERO
Art Street Festival
6:00PM-12:00AM
San José's SOFA District
South First Street

**11 PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE
DAY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**
10:00AM-1:00PM
San José City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara Street

**12 SJ LIBRARY SUMMER
READING PROGRAM**
Summer Reading Celebration
Kicks Off at Your Local
San Jose Library
June 12-July 31, 2010
www.sjlibrary.org

**14 FINAL BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING**
Approval on June 22
7:00PM
San José City Hall
Council Chambers
200 E. Santa Clara Street

16 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS
Berryessa Branch Library
Study Room C
6:00PM-8:00PM
3355 Noble Avenue
Please call (408) 535-4904 to
schedule a 15 minute appointment

26 FARMER'S MARKET
Occurs Every Saturday
9:00AM-12:00PM
Berryessa Union School
District Parking Lot
1376 Piedmont Road

JULY RECESS
No City Council or
Committee Meetings
during the month of
July.

**4 4TH OF JULY
HOLIDAY**
City Hall Closed
on July 5



4 ROSE WHITE & BLUE
4th of July Parade
10:00AM-2:00PM
On the Alameda, in the
Rose Garden/Shasta Hanchett
Neighborhoods
www.the-alameda.com

JULY

3 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Please check the District 4
website at www.sanjoseca.gov/district4 for events in your neighbor-
hood.
6:00PM-10:00PM

**23 FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL**
All Schools in
District 4



AUGUST



Councilmember Chu with wife Daisy and organizers at the Berryessa Farmer's Market.



Veterans from American Legion Post 858 attend last year's Philippine Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony sponsored by Councilmember Chu and City Council.



Councilmembers Chu with County Supervisor Cortese at the Berryessa Art and Wine Festival.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

(408) 929-9453 • www.wcsv.org

Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San José's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San José residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!



(408) 793-4190 • www.sjadoptapark.org

Celebrating 25 Years



Santa Visits Alviso

Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us • www.alvisosanta.com



Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626

Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181



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